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Local Weather Man

Interesting Works and Specialized Apparatus of Charles Decker of Graling Avenue

Comparatively few people were aware that there is in Narberth a fully accredited Co-operative Weather Bureau Observer until Charles Decker's modest letter appeared in last week's issue of "Our Town." The communication was sufficiently interesting to develop inquiries among some of "Our Town's" readers, and led to further investigation of this rather unusual profession.

While Mr. Decker is an official observer for the United States Weather Bureau, his work is entirely gratuitous, and he has even provided the very accurate and highly specialized apparatus that he uses. On the lawn behind his attractive bungalow on Grayling Avenue stands a wooden structure containing his instruments. This structure, Mr. Decker says, is often mistaken for a dove-cote. The Government will not accept as official a reading from a thermometer hanging against a wall, so in this elevated box with slatted sides, open to the air, but protected from direct sun-rays, hang the maximum and minimum thermometers, the thermograph and the hydrograph.

The thermometer used for recording the minimum tempmerature during each 24 hours consists of a small glass pin in alcohol. Falling temperature forces the pin down in the alcohol, and it remains at the lowest point reached. There is a slight constriction in the bulb of the maximum thermometer, so that once the mercury has risen to its highest point during the day it cannot recede, but remains stationary, no matter how much the temperature may fall. This thermometer has to be shaken down and reset for the next day's readings.

Next to these two thermometers is the thermograph, an instrument equipped with a highly sensitive lever, which records upon a chart (which is spaced to hours) the complete story of the rise and fall of temperature during every part of the day. So, while the thermometers register only given points in the day's temperature, the thermograph and the hydrograph, which records the humidity, tell the whole tale of the day's temperature and moisture.

Mr. Decker's apparatus for measuring rainfall resembles nothing so much as a milk can, with the cover inverted on the top. This inverted lid, however, is a funnel with a hole in the bottom, through which the rain is directed into a tall, slender tube. This tube, when full, denotes a rainfall of exactly two inches. Anything less than this amount is measured by a thin ruler of cedar wood, which is graduated to the 1/100 part of an inch.

On the Decker garage is an ordinary-looking weather vane; only this weather vane works on ball bearings, and is consequently extremely flexible, and in Mr. Decker's study hangs a mercurial barometer, so accurate that it will record 1/1000 of an inch, a duplicate of the barometers used in all weather bureaus.

One very interesting phase of Mr. Decker's work is its use in rain-insurance transactions. More and more organizations are taking out this form of insurance for picnics, lawn fetes, bazaars, etc. No rain insurance company will pay out money, however, unless the demand is accompanied by an official record of the rainfall. Consequently Mr. Decker is often called upon to take barometrical readings during the hours when such affairs are in progress in this vicinity. He is very glad to render this service and hopes to be called upon more frequently.

A summary of weather conditions in Narberth is sent out every month to Forecaster Bliss in Philadelphia, and he in turn forwards them to Washington. These records may be found in the Pennsylvania section of the government bulletin, "Climatological Data," and are signed by Charles Decker, Observer.

REMEMBER
the
RED CROSS ROLL CALL
November 11, 1923
The Main Line Branch Wants
Many Workers

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

For the Convenience of the Taxpayers of the Borough of Narberth Merion Title and Trust Company Will Receive the County and State Taxes From July 2 until July 19, 1923 Prior to and after the above mentioned dates the taxes are payable at the County Treasurer's Office, at the Court House, Norristown.

Business Outlook

Decline in Interest Rates

Interest rates declined in June. This fact is pointed to by Harvard Economic Service as being favorable to the maintenance of prosperity. Since last August a rise in money rates accompanied the expansion of business. This was a normal development of increasing prosperity. In May, however, the money market showed a softening tendency. The cause of this temporary downward movement is clearly to be found in the slowing down of business, but so long as money and banking conditions respond in this manner to such development, the maintenance of business at prosperous levels is to be expected. Harvard Economic Service predicts firm or rising wholesale commodity prices and firm or rising interest rates for the remainder of 1923.

Coal Prospects

If you have not secured your supply of coal for next winter, do so at once. Babson predicts that while he does not expect a strike in the anthracite mines, he does believe that before the year is over there will be strained conditions, and possibly a tie-up in the delivery situation. Stocks of anthracite coal at Eastern points are still meagre. In the bituminous coal fields conditions are considerably different. Production is running at near a high record and stocks are being built up. The price tendency is still downward and has reached a point low enough so that fall and winter needs can now be economically provided for.

Business Failures Decline

Business failures during May numbered 1,499, compared with 1,579 in April, and 1,868 in May, 1922. Liabilities of failed concerns show a decrease of over forty-six million dollars compared with a year ago.

Increasing Thrift

Based on policies issued during the first five months of this year, it is estimated that the total amount of life insurance written by all companies during 1923 will run close to eleven billion dollars, compared with the previous high record of over nine billion dollars, which was set in 1920. These figures, taken in conjunction with the increase in savings bank deposits, show good evidence of increasing thrift and of greater accumulations of money by the people as a whole.

The Crop Outlook

Central Trust Company of Illinois says that the crop promise is good and farmers are in quite a cheerful frame of mind, in spite of the fact that less than half of the principal farm products are selling today at the farm gate for as much as the cost of production. Farm labor is scarce in most sections, and the farmers are already making plans to bring in labor from distant points for the harvest season.

HEARD FROM THE SIDE LINES

That Alex Shand, Jr., is busy these days drawing up specifications for a wife.

That nothing could be sweeter than Rube Sharpe in knickers.

That Ella Paige had her hair bobbed, and a new barber pole is being ordered for Merion Ave.

That Tent Tennis would be popular at the Club—save chasing the balls going over the fence.

That the two sheeted phantoms seen on S. Essex Ave. late Saturday night were not Coo Clucks Clams—were a prominent South Sider and a blonde—but his wife was there, too.

That Mack's Roller "Skate" seems to be getting more power. Can now make Haverford Ave. hill in three—high, almost low and low.

That Van plays the game like he was out to win at all times.

OVER A MILLION BOY SCOUTS USE LEFT HANDSHAKE

The International Boy Scout Bureau, or clearing house for information, has notified Chief Scout Executive James E. West, of the Boy Scouts of America, that all registered associations have reported the adoption of the left handshake as the official handshake for scouts. The left handshake idea is popular with scouts, for it adds a touch of fraternalism, of mysticism, and, what is perhaps of more importance to the boy, leaves his right hand free for a salute or some act of friendly service. The Boy Scouts of America fell into line with other nations already using the left handshake when the practice was made official by the Executive Board very recently; it has always been the official scout handshake in England and some other countries. In America the boys have a peculiar scout grip which goes with the handshake, and it is believed that this may be made a part of the left handshake by all countries.

The FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. McHose, of Narbrook Park, have left for a two weeks' stay at Eaglesmere, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Penrose Moore, of Dudley Avenue, entertained her sister Mrs. Guy Griswold, and children, of Coatesville last week.

Mrs. J. E. Bailey, of Merion Ave., is visiting this week at Long Branch.

Mrs. C. M. McCracken and children of Merion Ave., are spending the summer at their farm in Indiana County, Pa.

Miss Fern Reger, of Montgomery Ave., left this week for St. Louis, Mo., where she will visit her sister for the remainder of the summer.

Mr. Edward Schaurotte has not sold his house on Grayling Ave. The item in last weeks' issue was an error. The house is still for sale.

Mrs. Roberts Plank, of Carlisle, visited her mother Mrs. R. E. Plank of Forest Ave., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurd and son Fred, motored to Atlantic City last week.

Miss Augusta Linton, of Johnstown, was the week-end guest of Miss Bird Roberts, of Forest Ave.

Miss Louise Farina, of Maple Ave., is spending her vacation at Camp Pinnacle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. D. Hall left on Thursday for Avalon, N. J., where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Aiken, of Elmwood Ave., have returned from a six-week's motor trip through Ohio, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Paige, of Montgomery Avenue, entertained a party of friends at cards and dancing on July 4th.

Mr. J. W. Darville, of Merion Ave., left last week for Newport News, Va., where he attended the coal convention.

Mr. R. C. Sharp, of Montgomery Ave., is spending the week in Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. H. Ronald Paige, of Montgomery Ave., is visiting friends at Elizabeth, N. J.

Mrs. Frank Sharp, of Logan, was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sharp, of Montgomery Ave.

Miss Mary Dold, of Woodbine Ave., has left for Martha's Vineyard, Mass., where she will join Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelley and daughter Elizabeth, of Price Ave., are spending the summer at Cape May.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haist have taken an apartment at Ocean City for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Julia Thompson, of Chester Height, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Carroll Downes, of Woodside Ave. Mrs. J. A. Downes, of Dover, Del., also spent several days with Mrs. Downes on her return from Florida.

Mrs. Wm. W. Heindel and son Billy, of Narbrook Park, are spending June and July at Gadston, Alabama.

Daniel Leitch, Howard Vallette and C. Roy Smith were the guests of Thomas McAuliffe at his camp at Green Lane, Pa., over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peters, of Narbrook Park, and sons Justin and Guy, are going to Wisconsin, to spent several weeks with Mrs. Peters' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bossard. Dr. Bossard was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Overbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Fox, of Narbrook Park, entertained a party of nine at dinner on July 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Gottshall, of Conway Ave., have recently sold their house and moved to Linwood, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foote and family of N. Narberth Ave., are spending the month of July at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Henshaw, of Iona Avenue, wish to express their appreciation to all their friends and acquaintances for their kind thoughts of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

What Shall Be Done With The Y. M. C. A.

A Problem That Challenges the Best Thoughts of the Town

New and Old Residents Equally Concerned in Solution

A problem of major interest to the community is our local Young Men's Christian Association and its increasingly valuable property.

Several solutions have been suggested, and while it is becoming important that an early decision be reached, the Board of Directors is willing to listen to constructive suggestions to insure final action being in the best interest of Narberth and meet with the approval of the majority.

Many newer residents are unfamiliar with the problem. But they are interested, equally with the older ones, in a solution that will be a credit to the Home Town.

Owns Valuable Location

Built nearly twenty years ago, the Association owns a property on the most centrally located and valuable corner in Narberth; a property exceedingly valuable in itself, and which in addition has an undeveloped lot of worthy dimension that would readily adapt itself to the enlargement of the plant.

Never Amply Supported

During the years of its activity it ever presented a problem of financing; a cause of worry and anxiety to its officers and directors, and a drag on a was mainly because of the lack of a few public-spirited supporters. This general community support, although perhaps the small size of Narberth at that time was a controlling influence. Since then Narberth has practically quadrupled its population. It may be also that its limited facilities fell short of the requirements to make it a thorough-going organization.

Attempted Improvements

This latter reason led those interested to feel that if additional facilities could be provided the problem would solve itself; would create the interest that would provide the support. In an endeavor to follow out such an idea, plans were prepared for facilities which would have included a swimming pool, an auditorium, additional rooms and bowling alleys, etc., and a campaign for $40,000 was launched in the fall of 1919. This, however, was not successful, as pledges of but $22,000 were secured. With such insufficient funds in sight, it was decided that work could not proceed and the campaign was abandoned, the limited Association activities continuing on the then current basis. This, however, proved to be increasingly expensive, and in fact was running the expenses up to an average of $200 per month in excess of the income. As this basis obviously could not be continued, the Association ceased its activities on May 1, 1920.

Present Position

Since that date, and up to the present time, the Association has been covering its overhead and current obligations by the income derived from rentals of its store section and the other parts of the building. Since the cessation of Association activities the rental income of the building has enabled the Association to carry itself along on a fairly profitable basis, not only caring for all expenses of upkeep, etc., but, indeed, permitting slight, though gradual and steady, reduction in its indebtedness. This strong position thus indicates no urgent need for action so far as the Y. M. C. A. itself is concerned, but the problem links itself up with other problems of interest to Narberth and thus impels the early consideration of the whole question as to what disposition of the "Y" would be in the best interest of the community.

One Solution Considered

One purchaser has offered to buy the property with the idea of developing it for business uses. This would of course eliminate the building as a community meeting place, but from the sale price, after paying indebtedness, a balance of approximately $32,000 would remain, which, of course, would be disposed of as deemed wisest by the Board of Directors. It so happens that the Playgrounds' Association is in need of funds to develop the newly acquired playground and the suggestion is made that the Board of Directors of the "Y" is somewhat favorably impressed with the suggestion, provided of course it is determined that the "Y" itself should be discontinued and disposed of, but as it is conceded that such a donation would be far from sufficient to develop properly the playground, and provide a suitable building that would serve as a substitute for the present "Y" building, and as it is also felt that the town itself should wholeheartedly participate in such a development, a donation by the "Y" of such a helpful amount would be dependent upon the community, meeting it with a similar amount. This would mean that by a subscription campaign the Town should pledge approximately $32,000 to meet the similar amount contributed by the "Y," and which, added to the funds now in the Playground's treasury, would give a total fund of about $70,000 with which to start developments. Would the Town make good on such a plan?

Other Suggestions Made

There is, of course, the suggestion that the "Y" should be continued; that it should be developed and expanded, and that there are plenty of red-blooded, live-wires in the community to give it ample support. Is there sufficient warrant for an assumption of this kind? To operate a "Y" along proper lines, and by that it is meant to have something "real," would require from $13,000 to $15,000 per year. Fixed income could be counted on at about $10,000 per year, which would mean that by membership fees, etc., additional revenue of from $3,000 to $5,000 would have to be secured annually.

The above figures contemplate building upon the vacant lot an auditorium for motion pictures, which, it can be authoritatively stated, could be leased at a figure that would afford a good return on the entire additional investment, and would include also a first-class swimming pool under the auditorium, which it is felt would by its popularity and use pay for its cost of operation, if, indeed, it did not develop to be a reasonable revenue producer.

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To the
Volunteer Citizens' Committee,
P. O. Box No. 966,
Narberth, Pa.,

Gentlemen:

After reviewing and carefully considering your outline seeking a solution of the Y. M. C. A. building problem, would advise that I would favor:

Getting back of the "Y" as a "Y"; boosting it; improving and enlarging it and re-opening it as soon as practicable.

Selling the property at best figure obtainable; putting balance in the Playground fund on the basis suggested.

Retain the property and devote it to the uses of the Committee through the medium of one big Neighborhood Club or Community Association as tentatively suggested, in which event I would use my influence to have all organizations merge so far as might be found practicable.

Remarks: .....

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Yours truly,

(Name) .....

(Address) .....

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1923

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS
Fire, 350.
Police, 1250.
or Ardmore 20.

A CALL FOR PUBLIC OPINION

We are glad to give prominent display in this issue to the appeal of disinherited citizens for an expression of public opinion on what should be done with the Y. M. C. A. building. This is a matter which concerns the entire community and one is urged to register his or her opinion, for only by a large number of direct replies can the desires of the Borough be estimated.

The Volunteer Citizens' Committee is an entirely disinterested group who are seeking to reconcile, if possible, the varied opinions of the people with a constructive plan whereby the fund, originally contributed for a Y. M. C. A. building and work, can be made again to serve the Borough more completely.

It should not be assumed, however, that the community has derived no benefit from the building since Y. M. C. A. activities ceased in it. It has been Narberth's only community center and while structurally inadequate and deficient in some of the services usually considered essential in a rented building, it has steadily served an important purpose and has been the gathering place of practically all of of those social and inspirational secular events which make community life agreeable. During the past two years it also has been the headquarters of the Narberth Community Library which in that time has grown from nothing to a circulation now running at the rate of 16,000 boooks annually, a majority of which were loaned free of charge.

The success of the Community Library has been in a large measure fostered and made possible by the fact that it was given the use of the Y. M. C. A. lobby, with light and heat, free of charge. This is an indication of the consistent sense of obligation to serve community purposes which controls the directors of the building. They consider themselves as trustees for those people who contributed the funds by which the building was originally erected, and it is with this thought in mind that they will await with interest the results of the canvass of public sentiment which the citizens' committee is undertaking.

There is much to be said in favor of each of the three alternative proposals which the citizens' committee has submitted. It is possible that other proposals also could be advanced, and at this time any constructive suggestion should be welcomed. It is not necessary nor desirable for "Our Town" at this time to favor the adoption of any one of them. We do desire, however, to urge the people to consider seriously the necessity of a community center building of some sort and not to part with the one now available until assured that another more desirable one can take its place. The land which the present building occupies may be the most valuable in the Borough, but it cannot possibly be more valuable to any private commercial owner whatsoever than it could be to the whole community if properly improved, developed and supported.

COUNTY TAX METHODS

Those citizens, either public or private, who made arrangements whereby the people of Narberth are able this year to pay their county and state taxes at the bank here are entitled to the thanks of the Borough. The Merion Title and Trust Company's co-operation in this service also merits approval. It is an expression of the modern banking opinion which feels an obligation to serve the public.

The former method whereby it was necessary to write to the County Treasurer, enclosing a stamped envelope for reply, was abominable and should have gone into the discard years ago. Since the County Treasurer's office in Norristown shows no indication to improve its methods, it is necessary that the reform be accomplished locally.

The methods of the County Treasurer's office should be held up to continual ridicule and censure, especially when that official's election is pending, until a better conception of public service by a public servant dawns in that quarter. The statement, printed on the county tax billheads—"communications to receive attention must be accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope"—is a surprising confession of complacent disinterest and disinclination. Such a statement should infuriate the mind of every voter who reads it. Where is there left in the whole United States a public officer, who proclaims in print to his constituents that if they require any information from his office they must pay the postage? A postage stamp is a small thing, but in a case like this it can be significant of much.

The Wayne "Suburban" is a clean and wholesome paper much larger in size and in advertising revenue than "Our Town" has ever hoped to be. We have always looked up to the "Suburban" as a force of light and leading on the Main Line. That is, we did so until we read their account of the Narberth Wayne baseball game on the Fourth. The only faithfully true and unprejudiced account of that game was the one which appeared in our last issue.

We were incorrect when we stated in the last two issues that the interest on the Playground Bonds ran over $3,000 a year. The sum is considerably less; only $1200 in fact. The principle which we have been endeavoring to reiterate remains unaltered, however, whether the interest is $5,00 or $5,000 a year. The will of the voters, twice emphatically expressed at the polls, is being thwarted. What is the use of being a voter, anyway?

An empty milk bottle, a tin can, presumably empty also, a pile of broken glass, evidently a wind-shield come to grief, the rusted iron hoop from some lovely keg and various bits of wood are all at this writing keeping a disorderly tryst under the shubbery in the central plot of land on the north side of the station. Now, 'who put them there and who should pick them up?

The school board of Lower Merion Township has recently contributed $1,000 each to the free libraries in Bala-Cynwyd and in Bryn Mawr. A previous cash contribution has been made to the library in Ardmore.

"Our Town" received this week an interesting communication signed "Tax Payers," and would have been glad to have printed it over that signature if it had been accompanied by any information as to the identity of the persons by whom it was written. In the absence of such information it was necessary to regard it as an anonymous letter which, under all publishing rules, is unprintable matter. If the writers care to reveal their identity to the editor, or if only one of them will do so, the communication can be printed in our next issue as written.

COAL AND WATER

Editor, "Our Town":

It is all very well for you and other papers to urge householders to lay in their winter coal now. But suppose they can't get it? I have been in touch with my former dealer for several months, but have been unable to get any stove coal, the size most needed for heating. He states that operators require him to take a carload of buckwheat with other sizes and that he cannot dispose of it. No one wants it, as it is useless for domestic purposes.

I am inclined to think that between miners and operators a game is being played to keep up both prices and wages. If miners are at work there is no scarcity of coal, but where is it—being held back or shipped abroad? Perhaps with the first cold weather we shall find out. Assuredly, the public cannot endure this condition of things any longer. The Coal Commission is right: the Government must control the business and protect consumers.

Speaking of the intention of the Springfield Consolidated Water Company to run a pipe line through Narberth to Bala-Cynwyd, is it to be done straight across over private properties or along roadways, and has the Borough given its permission?

CAMOLEN.

July 10, 1923.

Note.—Our correspondent's expression of profound irritation at the coal situation is one in which we all share. "Our Town" could have devoted columns to such a discussion. It seemed to us to be more constructive and helpful to our fellow-townsmen to state the facts of the situation and to urge everyone to look out for himself before cold

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THE TOWER OF BABBLE

By Collum Righter

It is positively amazing how our very welcome critics delight in diligently chewing perfectly good note paper up into gobby, messy spit-balls and hurling them at us. As a matter of fact, though, there is another way of contemplating the thing—it is a good deal more than amazing—it is fortunate! For, you see, having fielded quite some in our early days, we usually can catch these aforesaid, salivated missiles and cast them back in a manner mostly calculated to work out to the good of the critical chewers.

Last Saturday was a banner day. We laughed our shirt off at the tender communication good old "Faithful Reader" sent Editorwards, outlining the peak-load of enjoyment had from the "blank space" appearing in a certain column. A careful reading of the letter stocks us with the assumption that the doughty epistleer is always won over by voids, vacuums, whiteness, undeveloped real estate and measureless distances—and forthwith we scent another ardent patron for our esteemed Bookworm Factory. It is an ill wind that gets nobody to port!

John C. Van Dyke, who is none other than a cousin of the famed Doctor Henry of that same name, has written a volume named "The Open Spaces." Knowing the book as we do, it is a safe wager that "Faithful Reader" would rave or otherwise go insane over it. Hence, we suggest this critic's going to the Narberth Community Library upon the coming Chewsday afternoon and asking for Mrs. Wood. All of which is merely another way of returning good for evil.

And then, with all the exquisite, esthetic grace of a nymph-like hippopotamus, we leap, our draperies all a-flutter, in a totally different direction to mention for another time this department's all-reaching influence as an advertising medium of some consequence—as follows.

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Our tale of that Canadian pipe tobacco (you recall it) having been planted in such unequalled top soil, has started putting forth buds and bids fair to blossom like a Cedar of Lebanon. A train of privately addressed notes is already puffing along the rails toward us—and by the interpretations and best usages of regular order, we award the wreath of rhubarb flowers to the first comer, a considerable gentleman beyond the reaches of Montgomery Avenue. It is too bad and a shame, however, that the profits from the shipment of "Bonnet Rouge" he ordered had to go to a merchant outside our well-policed borough. Oh, well! The saucepan hasn't been made yet that'll hold all good tastes.

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The Column is always a free agent, unfettered by restrictions of any kind. We can openly discuss public matters without fear of punishment more severe than death-and-dismemberment or the loss of salary. Therefore, with ways well tallowed, our hull is launched today into the troubled waters of The Playground project.

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We seriously question whether any days at all would be "fine Playground days for the children" to burgle a phrase from another party. Children are strange beasts. What they have they never want, and what isn't theirs they always howl for most feelingly and appropriate most cheerfully. Every Narberth citizen owning off-spring provides them (by virtue of the Building Code) with a private Playground of their own. Do they ever use it? Humph! Ask the Lower Merion Officer whose Ford missed by a hair's breadth a toddler in the street middle down Merion way. Ask that Officer who dragged another one out of a crossing sewer-pipe not so long since. Or—don't ask anybody! Watch the streets and sidewalks yourself! Nowadays the house yards can be likened to many people's brains—they aren't half used—some of them not at all.

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We are an experienced parent. Our jottings here on this subject are as a consequence, well founded. We have tried all the approved methods in vogue for the past ten years to retain youngsters upon their hereditary building lots—even to roping 'em to trees in the back yard. But none of the schemes work. Normal children climb fences and burrow through hedges, undo fancy door latches and crawl through windows. They will not stay put. Out, to them, is always something to get. And, they invariably get it. No puddle in the yard has half the fascination or mystery as the puddle in the front gutter. No swing fastened to the limb of a home tree goes a tenth as high as the one on the limb of the tree over on the next street. Nor is there anything strange in all this either. You may simply attribute it to the natural born wanderlust bred in the bone of every youngster, and let it go at that. Sorry, but this central Playground business hath no appeal.

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It is striking ten minutes after six. There is an awful banging of screen doors down stairs, coupled with loud stamping of feet and shrill commands to wash hands and faces. Evidently dinner is ready. Heigh-ho! Guess we'd better sign off for the week. Good-bye!

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News of the Churches

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NARBERTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Arthur S. Walls, D. D., Pastor

Sunday, July 15:
9.45 A. M.—Bible School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.
7.30 P. M.—Union Open-air Twilight Service, on lawn, Windsor and Hampden Avenues. Sermon by Dr. Walls.
Union Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, July 18, at the Presbyterian Church.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE EVANGEL

Rev. Avery S. Demmy, Pastor

Services, Sunday, July 15:
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Worship.
7.30 P. M.—Open Air Union Service. Sermon by Dr. A. S. Walls.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday, the 18th, Union Prayer Meeting in the Presbyterian Church.
You are invited to all these services.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister

Meetings for July 15:
9.45 A. M.—Bible School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Worship, with sermon by Mr. Van Ness on the theme, "Redeeming the Time."
7.30 P. M.—Union Twilight Meeting with sermon by Dr. A. S. Walls.
Wednesday Evening, July 18—Union Prayer Meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Leader, Rev. A. S. Demmy.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, NARBERTH, PA.

M. E. McLinn, Pastor

Services Sunday, July 15th:
Sunday School and Bible Class, 9.45 A. M.
Morning Service, 11 A. M.
Open Air Union Service, 7.30 P. M.
Theme at Morning Service, "The Origin and Renewal of the Church."
The Communion on last Sabbath was a very precious service and helpful in the highest degree.

The Baptist Church is now completing its arrangements for sending its boys to camp. Mr. Ralph Claypoole is in charge, and it is expected the boys will go to camp in August along the Perkiomen, near Collegeville.

Thirteen new members were enrolled in the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday.

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COAL AND WATER

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weather. Coal is coming in daily and people of foresight are storing it in their bins. There is no necessity at this time of the year to stand back and rely on the goodwill of anyone in the coal trade, from miner through operator to dealer. The Government cannot move rapidly in this matter. It is up to every individual to look after himself now. We have not heard of anyone who has failed to get any coal if he has gone out after it diligently.

There is no question that Springfield Consolidated Water Company will be obliged to obtain the consent of the Borough authorities before they can put a spade into the ground for the laying of their new main. When such permission is applied for, "Our Town" will endeavor to keep all citizens fully informed of just what is proposed and what action Borough Council takes in reference to it.—Editor.

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AN attack of dyspepsia
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OF a diet of mush and
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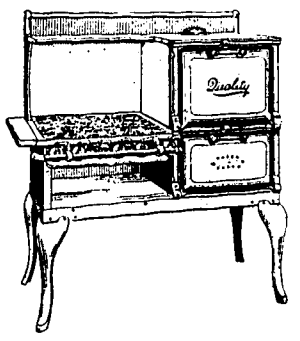

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If you find yourself in this predicament, remember the Library. With the right books you may travel and still sit on your own comfortable porch.

Take a trip to "Inca Land," ride "Down the Makenzie" with Fullerton Waldo, or make a visit to China with Elizabeth Enders in "Swinging Lanterns." You can surely keep cool if you read "The Lone Winter," the story of a woman who spent one winter all alone on a Vermont farm.

But suppose that you intend to lie back among the cushions and take things easy while you are entertained with an interesting book of fiction, anyone of the Librarians can recommend a number of the very latest.

For instance, "The House by the Wind Mill," by Agnes Rothery. Mothers and fathers especially will enjoy this novel, for in addition to being a good story, it is a remarkable story of the individualities of children.

"The Hidden Road" is by Elsie Singmaster, a Pennsylvania woman, and a frequent contributor to the "Saturday Evening Post. "In this novel Miss Singmaster deals with the type of woman who thinks that love alone makes for happiness, but at the end of the story finds another—"the hidden road" to happiness.

"The Really Romantic Age," by L. Allan Harker, shows that it is never too late for romance, and you will be anxious ot finish this book and find out what is the "really romantic age."

How would you like to read "Mostly Sally," by P. G. Wodehouse. It is humorous of course, and if you read the "Indiscretion of Archie," or any of P. G. Wodehouse's other stories, you know that you have a treat in store for you.

Other interesting books which deserve mention and will appeal to many readers are:

"Redeeming Old Houses,"
"Doctor Johnson,"
"The Last of the Vikings,"

and several of the fascinating and thrilling mystery stories.

TENNIS

Saturday, July 14th, is the day, 3 P. M., the time, and Belfield Tennis Club the place, as our boys journey eastward to add to their laurels. They have had no League game for two weeks, at which time they won handily from Overbrook. Today we look for a repetition, 'cause our boys are there forty ways, and it just took a couple of beatings to put them on their mettle. They are on it now, and from now on we can expect them to beat a thousand percent.

Last Saturday and Sunday afternoons the gallery at the Club watching the games would remind one of Forrest Hills. Even the lawns on Shirley Road were covered with interested spectators.

And speaking again of those Saturday night suppers. The one last Saturday would make a $20,000 chef look to his laurels. Of course we knew that the lady in charge, Mrs. O. V. Kruse, could sing, play the piano, was an accomplished housekeeper and nurse, but now she has proven that she and her able committee are right at home feeding sixty people. If you missed that feed you were out of luck.

This Saturday the dinner or supper, whatever you want to call it is in charge of Mrs. C. D. Grace. She has not only gone in for ability in choosing her aids but has secured beauty also. It is noised around that you can do without food from Wednesday to Saturday, and after getting up from her dinner Saturday night you will still be one and one-half days ahead on the food. The price stays the same, six bits for adults and four for children. And don't forget to reserve. Call Narberth 1772.

PHILADELPHIA INTER-STATE DAIRY COUNCIL

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A delightful health program of games, stories, playlets and object talks will have a place in the daily schedule of the summer vacation schools and playgrounds of the Lower Merion Township, starting Tuesday, July 10. The program will be in charge of Miss Aubyn Chinn, who for the past school season has conducted health work among the children of the public schools of the Main Line, including Narberth.

The summer vacation schools and the playgrounds are being conducted this year by the Lower Merion Township Board of Education. The vacation schools are located at Bryn Mawr, Ardmore, the Ashland School of Manayunk, and the playgrounds at Bala, Ardmore, and possibly at Bryn Mawr. The schools have a total attendance of approximately two hundred children. The playgrounds, of course, have a varied attendance from day to day.

The new health program, which will be carried out by Miss Chinn, includes a "vegetable game" and "fruit game," several new stories and games. She will be assisted from time to time by trained story-tellers, dramatic workers, and nutrition experts from the staff of the Inter-State Dairy Council.

BOTH SAD AND TRUE!

To the Editor of "Our Town":

Enclosed please find clipping from one of the Philadelphia papers with reference to keeping the park clean. Would suggest that you print it in "Our Town" with the appeal for Narberth citizens to fall in line and keep the front of their properties free from refuse. This would apply especially in front of the stores in the business section. I notice that the storekeepers, "when they do sweep their sidewalks," leave the sweepings in the gutter. The Borough men sweep this up at least once a week, but cannot do it daily. Why not gather this up and put it in a can for regular ash collection? Unless we have a good rain on Saturday nights, the street in front of the stores looks very bad on Sunday mornings.

"ONE WHO DOES TRY TO KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN."

July 7, 1923.

KEEP THE PARK CLEAN

The Fairmount Park Commission and the Park police are to be commended for the sternness of the campaign which they have instituted against the unteachable vandals who use the lawns of Fairmount as a dump for all sorts of debris left from casual outings.

It is hard to understand why even a rudimentary sense of decency does not move all people to respect for a rule which operates to their own advantage. The Park Guards did right on Sunday when they arrested every person who could be proved guilty of befouling and disfiguring the lawns and picnic grounds with trash of various sorts. Yet the Park after the week-end appeared as if innumerable rubbish wagons had run wild in it. One series of arrests will not be enough. The effect of the policy finally adopted by the Park Commission must be cumulative. The city detective bureau should cooperate with the Park police until all offenders learn by harsh experience that the Park is a park and not a public dump or a neglected alley.

WOMEN OF PHILADELPHIA FORM NEW ORGANIZATION

The women of Philadelphia have formed an association open to all women without dues for the purpose of securing concentrated effort to back "the right man or woman in the right place" in the 1923 campaign. Prominent club women are serving as officers of the association with Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg as honorary president.

They realize that many women require political information concerning assessment, registration, poll taxes and the elections, both primary and regular, and it is the object of their association to provide this information. One of the first things that they urge is that every woman get her name at once on the assessor's list.

The literature which they distribute to prospective members states that "the association is a temporary, all-party, city-wide organization of women for the purpose of securing the election next fall of public officials of integrity, proven ability, and high ideals of public service."

A PENNY SAVED

For many minutes there had been a violent ringing at the night bell of a pharmacy until finally the druggist, who lived above, sleepily crawled into his clothes and went downstairs. At the door he was confronted by a son of auld Scotland.

"Five cents worth o' bicarbonate of soda for indigestion, if ye please," the latter requested.

"A nickel's worth of bicarbonate of soda at this time of night?" exploded the druggsit. "Getting me up for that when a glass of hot water would have done just as well!"

"Weel, weel," returned the Scot, pocketing his money. "I thank ye for the advice, and I'll not bother ye after all. Good nicht!"

The Fireside

The Misses Helen and Ruth Caldwell and Elizabeth England are to be the guests of Miss Elizabeth Durbin, of Avalon, for two weeks.

Mr. V. L. Sanderson and family, of Essex Ave., have taken a cottage at Island Heights for the summer.

Mrs. Walter Hurd, of Chestnut and Essex Ave., entertained several guests at luncheon on Friday, July 6th.

Mrs. Clifford Moore, of Bryn Mawr, formerly of Narberth, entertained her bridge club last week at the home of Mrs. Carroll Downes. Those present were Mrs. Walter Hurd, Mrs. W. S. Maddox, of Devon, Miss Virginia Downes, Mrs. W. Lewis, Mrs. Dinwiddie Walker, Miss Dorothy Moore and Mrs. Laura Hill.

Mr. Roser's Sedan to hire will doubtless prove a great convenience to some of us.

Mr. Samuel Bowman's home on Elmwood Ave., has been rented for the summer to Mr. Harding, of Georgia.

Mr. John McTighe, of Pittsburgh, has moved into 233 Essex Ave.

Mr. R. D. Thomas, of 315 Price Ave., has rented the house at 9 Woodside Ave.

Dr. Bolton, of Philadelphia, Professor of Physcology, has purchased the property corner of Narberth and Wayne Ave.

Mr. Bedall has purchased a pair of twin houses on Williams Ave., from Mr. James Gallagher.

Mr. W. J. Kinney, of Philadelphia, expects to occupy his recently purchased home at 430 Dudley Ave., about Aug. 1st.

Y. M. C. A.

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Does a plan of this kind appeal sufficiently to warrant serious consideration and further effort toward development?

A still further suggestion is made that the community has too many associations for its size—associations all worthy in themselves, but which could operate more economically and usefully if consolidated into one general Community Club or Association under some appropriate name. That perhaps the "Y" as a "Y" should be discontinued and the property turned over to, and developed as a community center by, some such combined association—an association that would consolidate the present "Y"; the Civic Association; the Women's Community Club; the Tennis Association; the Choral Society; the Garden Club, the Chamber of Commerce; the American Legion; the Boy and Girl Scouts; an Athletic Association, or the Base Ball Club, etc., etc. Where necessary, of course, individual meetings and actions could be provided for by creating Sections, or sub-divisions, of the central organization, but which would preserve, in reality, one big, general community association that would be a Town booster. Does a thought of this kind strongly appeal to the community and would the various associations be willing to merge under such a plan?

Every Resident Concerned

Every resident of Narberth should be, and doubtless is, vitally interested in the welfare of his own Town. The question is as to what is in the best interest of the community and it is thought that the Town affords many men and women big enough to be capable of jointly reaching a solution. Manifestly, everyone cannot be pleased completely; everyone's solution cannot be accepted; a town-meeting would hardly be desirable, and yet every thinking man and woman can, and should, express his or her thought on the big problem involved.

A questionnaire is appended to this article that will enable everyone to briefly indicate their views, and if a wide interest is displayed, and all who read respond, very material progress can be made without undue delay.

Will you do your part? Answer us today.

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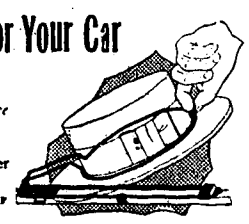

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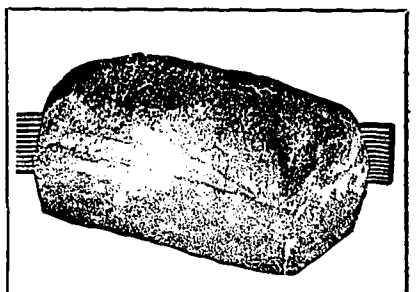

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